

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract of the invention with the following rewritten Abstract:

A transmitter uses an adaptive forward error control scheme that includes redundant packets to reduce packet error rate at a receiver. The receiver analyzes the received packet error rate before correction to determine an optimal level of redundancy required to respect a maximum tolerated packet error rate after correction, and communicates this determined optimal level to the transmitter for controlling the amount of redundancy in subsequent transmissions from the transmitter.